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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM SECRETARY CLINTON TO PRESIDENT  
KIBAKI AND PRIME MINISTER ODINGA

¶1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY  
CLINTON TO PRESIDENT KIBAKI AND PM ODINGA. THE  
DEPARTMENT DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE THE TEXT OF THE  
MESSAGE. A SIGNED ORIGINAL WILL FOLLOW.

SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED. PLEASE PROTECT ACCORDINGLY.

¶2. (SBU) BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. PRIME MINISTER:

KENYA AND THE UNITED STATES SHARE A LONG HISTORY OF  
COOPERATION AND MUTUAL SUPPORT. IT IS IN THAT SPIRIT  
THAT I AM WRITING TO URGE YOU TO INTENSIFY YOUR EFFORTS  
TO ADVANCE THE REFORM AND ACCOUNTABILITY AGENDA AGREED  
BY ALL PARTIES LAST YEAR. THE UNITED STATES IS  
CONCERNED THAT ABSENT ROBUST PROGRESS TO ADDRESS THE  
UNDERLYING CAUSES OF THE POST-ELECTION VIOLENCE, KENYA  
RISKS RENEWED VIOLENCE AND INSTABILITY, TO THE DETRIMENT  
OF THE PEOPLE OF KENYA AND OUR SHARED INTERESTS IN THE  
REGION.

WE RECOGNIZE SOME NOTEWORTHY INITIAL STEPS HAVE BEEN  
TAKEN, SUCH AS AGREEING ON A PROCESS FOR DEVELOPING A  
NEW DRAFT CONSTITUTION AND DISMISSING THE DISCREDITED  
ELECTORAL COMMISSION. HOWEVER, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT  
FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE REMAINS ELUSIVE, AND THE  
IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE CONTINUES TO SLIP. WE ALSO URGE  
YOU TO HOLD CORRUPT OFFICIALS AND THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR  
FACILITATING POST-ELECTION VIOLENCE ACCOUNTABLE,  
INCLUDING THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CREDIBLE  
SPECIAL TRIBUNAL IN KENYA. THE CORROSIVE EFFECTS OF  
CORRUPTION AND LACK OF ACCOUNTABILITY UNDERMINE KENYA'S  
PROSPECTS FOR PROSPERITY.

THE UNITED STATES DEEPLY VALUES ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH  
KENYA. WE STAND READY TO SUPPORT YOUR EFFORTS TO  
ACCELERATE REFORM AND LAY THE GROUNDWORK FOR A PEACEFUL  
FUTURE FOR YOUR COUNTRY.

SINCERELY YOURS,

HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON

END TEXT.  
CLINTON